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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING TOUR

1. SUMMARY: GOM LABOR AND MANPOWER MINISTRY REQUESTS INFORMATION TO PLAN TOUR OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. LABOR AND MANPOWER MINISTRY OFFICIAL (GEORGE FORBES) CONTACTED EMBASSY JAN 30 TO REQUEST INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PLANNING GROUP. FORBES, WHO IS STAFF MEMBER OF NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND TRADE CERTIFICATION BOARD, SAID THAT GOM IS FORMULATING NATIONAL PLAN FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING WHICH, INTER ALIA, WOULD INVOLVE COMPULSORY PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN GOVT INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS. BOARD INTENDS TO SEND FOUR TO SIX MAN DELEGATION TO U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO OBSERVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS AND CONSULT WITH GOVT, UNION AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS. DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LABOR AND MANPOWER MINISTRY, PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, LABOR UNION(S), AND PRIVATE SECTOR; PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN NAMED, BUT FORBES SAID DELEGATION LIST WOULD BE FINALIZED IN NEXT MONTH OR SO. VISIT IS PLANNED FOR APRIL OR MAY AND WOULD INVOLVE APPROX FIVE-DAY STOPOVERS IN U.S., U.K., ONE ASIAN COUNTRY, AND URUGUAY, ARGENTINA AND PERHAPS

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3. DELEGATION IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OBSERVING VOCATIONAL AND IN-PLANT TRAINING PROGRAMS; CONSULTING WITH U.S. AND OTHER GOVT OFFICIALS ON GOVT-SPONSORED OR ASSISTED TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND CONSULTING WITH UNION OFFICIALS ON APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES. OF LESS BUT RELATED INTEREST IS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EDUCATION.1&8, .9,53;8\$39, DELEGATION HOPES VISIT CINTERFOR WHICH FORBES UNDERSTANDS IS LATIN AMERICA-WIDE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFO ON FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF FORBES' INQUIRY: (1) LIST OF SUGGESTED U.S. GOVT, UNION AND INDUSTRY CONTACTS IN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FIELD AND APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS THAT DELEGATION MAY OBSERVE; (2) WORTHWHILE OR PARTICULARLY GOOD INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS MANAGED BY LATIN AMERICAN OR OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS; AND (3) INFO ON CINTERFOR, E.G., ORGANIZATION, ACTIVITIES, FINANCING, ETC.

5. FORBES' REQUEST AT THIS STAGE IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY; FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING DELEGATION CONTACTS IN U.S. MAY BE REQUESTED LATER. WE WILL KEEP DEPT INFORMED AS DELEGATION PLANS ARE FIRMED UP. NO RPT NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR TRAVEL GRANTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AS FORBES INDICATED THAT THIS WILL BE GOM UNDERTAKING COMPLETELY. CABLE REPLY TO ABOVE POINTS REQUESTED AS FORBES WISHES PROCEED WITH PLANNING ASAP.
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